

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Neely, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1771

Serial No.: 09/165,034

Examiner: N. Torres Velazquez

Filed: October 1, 1998

Our Ref. No.: KCX-85 (13195)

Title: Differential Basis Weight
Nonwoven Webs

Our Account No.: 04-1403

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2001 please amend the above application as follows. The claims are listed below for the convenience of the Examiner. However, only claims which are indicated as "amended" have been changed by this Amendment. Marked up changes are attached.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel claims 51-58.

1. (Amended) A nonwoven web made from fibers, said nonwoven web having a first end and a second and opposite end, said nonwoven web defining a first area having a first basis weight and a second area having a second basis weight being located on said nonwoven web according to a predetermined pattern, said first basis weight being at least about 1.5 times greater than said second basis weight, said second area being configured to pass liquids, said first area comprising from about 25% to about 75% of said nonwoven web, the web being compressed and thermally bonded together.

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This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herein by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims <u>54</u> minus <u>31</u>	=	<u>7</u> x \$18 =	\$ <u>126.00</u>
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Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>November 23, 2002</u>			
PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$400; 3 months \$920; 4 months \$1440)			\$ <u>400.00</u>
If Terminal Disclaimer enclosed, add Rule 20(d) Official Fee (\$110.00)			\$ <u>0.00</u>
SUBTOTAL:			\$ <u>526.00</u>
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